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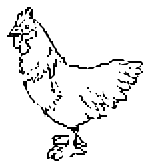
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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

Trade sentiment was steady to firm, mostly fully steady to firm. Retail demand was light to moderate, best for features. Food service was fair to good with Mother's Days needs boosting movement. Supplies were close to tight and held with confidence on lighter weights, and heavier sizes were sufficient. In the parts structure, bone-in breasts were close to tight, boneless skinless breasts were adequate, leg items were readily available, and wings were more than sufficient for limited needs. In production live supplies were moderate at desirable to heavy, mostly desirable weights.

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading advanced .50 to 63.25 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 63.00 cents last year on May 09, 2002.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	180.00
BREASTS - B/S	152.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	83.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	84.50
LEG QUARTERS	21.00
WINGS	62.50

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**SOUTHERN** Trade sentiment was at least steady. Retail demand was fair to moderate, best for ads. Food service was fair to fairly good, best into fast food and restaurants, and expected to increase more as Mother's Day approaches. Supplies were close to well cleared and often held with confidence. In the parts structure, breast items were in the strongest position with supplies tight to balanced and clearing well. Leg items were readily available and easy to locate, and wings were more than adequate with little movement. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**NORTHEAST** Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers remained moderate during midweek trading. Offerings of all sizes ranged balanced to adequate, although, the 3 pound and lighter birds were in the best position. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair to moderate and was best for seasonal activity. The market tone was fully steady to instances firm. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts were in very close balance. Boneless skinless breasts were sufficient. Dark meat cuts were at least adequate. Wings and tenderloins were readily available.

**MIDWEST** The trade sentiment for whole broiler/fryers was mostly steady. Offerings of whole fryers and WOG's were tight on lighter weight birds and adequate on the heavier product. Retail movement was light to fair, best on featured items. Features noted in Chicago on boneless skinless breast at \$1.79 and drums or thighs at 99 cents. Food service demand was light to moderate, best for fast foods as many order heavy for Mother's day. Floor stocks were well cleared to fully adequate with weights desirable. Supplies of boneless skinless breasts adequate while bone in breasts close, adequate on leg items and ample on wings. Trading on parts items was barely steady on wings and leg quarters, fully steady on bone in breasts, mixed but showing weakness on heavy weight boneless skinless breasts.

**WESTERN** The market tone was steady to fully steady. Offerings of whole body product under 3 pounds in fairly good balance, ample on heavier weights for trade needs. Buying interest fair with some improvement anticipated for last minute Mothers' day needs. Demand for whole body product moderate and fairly good for parts. Floor stocks generally adequate. Breasts remained firm with balance of parts about steady.

CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL			
15 STATES			PERCENT CHANGE
WEEK ENDING 05/04/02	2002	2001	PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	187,048	186,301	0
CHICKS PLACED	152,778	151,159	+01
19 STATES			
EGGS SET	209,382	-	-
CHICKS PLACED	172,782	-	-

### BROILER EGGS SET IN 15 SELECTED STATES UP SLIGHTLY

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set 187 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 4, 2002. This was up slightly from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

### BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 1 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 153 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 4, 2002. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week in 2001. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through May 4, 2002 were 2.70 billion, up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

### Four Additional States in Weekly Program

Beginning May 16, 2001 four additional States were added to the weekly program for broiler eggs set in incubators and broiler chicks placed for meat production. The four additional States are Kentucky, Louisiana, Missouri, and Oklahoma. Data collection and weekly estimates began with the week ending April 7, 2001.

Commercial hatcheries for the 19 States set a total of 209 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 04, 2002. Broiler growers in the 19 States placed 173 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 04, 2002. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through May 04, 2002 in the 19 States totaled 3.05 billion, down 5 percent from last year.

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 15-JUN-02 IS ESTIMATED AT 158.0 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 157.0 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 156.9 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 161.6 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 59.72 CENTS PER POUND.

MAY 07, 2002

## SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

MAY 08, 2002

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	883	136.00-221.00	140-145	148.16
TENDERLOINS	161	120.00-195.00	-	145.88
BREAST - LINE RUN	120	78.00-82.00	78-79	78.43
FRONT HALVES	84	61.00-66.00	62-63	63.63
LEGS	89	26.00-37.00	26-27	27.11
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	481	15.50-19.00	16-17	16.42
LEG QUARTES (4/10)	1,220	17.50-26.00	19-21	20.32
WINGS (WHOLE)	281	50.00-67.00	-	63.74
WINGS (CUT)	406	57.00-77.00	67-69	68.40
DRUMSTICKS	69	37.00-40.00	-	37.39
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	836	136.00-221.00	142-148	156.63
TENDERLOINS	152	115.00-195.00	115-120	132.78
BREAST - LINE RUN	121	78.00-82.00	79-80	78.99
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	89	26.00-37.00	27-28	27.11
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	441	14.25-19.00	16-17	16.19
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,178	17.50-26.00	19-21	20.58
WINGS (WHOLE)	281	48.00-66.00	60-62	62.78
WINGS (CUT)	372	66.00-77.00	67-69	69.65
DRUMSTICKS	69	37.00-42.00	-	37.65
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
38.25 - 42.50	40.03	39.65 - 43.00	41.51	40.29

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

## NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying activity was about moderate during midweek trading. Offerings of bone-in breasts were slightly more available, but remained closely cleared. Boneless-skinless breasts were sufficient. Dark meat cuts were at least adequate. Wings and tenderloins were readily available. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair to moderate, and was best for the occasional feature. The market tone was steady on breast items, barely steady to instances weak on wings and tenderloins, and no better than steady on the balance.

\*PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES MAY 07, 2002 MAY 08, 2002

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	145-150	144.16	463,320
TENDERLOINS	115-120	119.37	113,340
BREAST - WITH RIBS	81-82	86.64	192,240
BREAST - LINE RUN	81	85.19	136,800
LEGS	32-33	35.95	119,160
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	19-20	20.02	642,640
DRUMSTICKS	32-33	33.34	154,290
THIGHS	25-26	30.36	104,920
B/S THIGHS	76-77	77.98	83,150
WINGS (WHOLE)	54-55	55.25	430,880
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.53	32,520
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	20-25	20.85	13,805
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	43.73	32,442

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	145-150	144.06	415,490
TENDERLOINS	110-115	114.35	94,520
BREAST - WITH RIBS	81-82	86.31	176,680
BREAST - LINE RUN	81	84.48	152,400
LEGS	32-33	36.07	147,880
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	19-20	20.45	396,011
DRUMSTICKS	32-33	33.77	104,870
THIGHS	25-26	29.49	88,060
B/S THIGHS	76-77	71.52	103,320
WINGS (WHOLE)	54-55	58.83	309,600
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.94	39,760
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	20-25	21.21	13,040
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	44.25	25,200

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

\* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

## ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	05/08	05/07	05/06	05/03	05/06
ALA	3,876	5,343	3,992	4,741	5.15
ARK	5,265	3,983	5,234	4,343	4.94
DELMARVA	2,369	2,326	2,347	2,534	5.27
KY-LA-TN	2,074	2,057	2,046	2,143	4.62
MISS	2,882	2,835	2,849	2,800	5.33
NC	2,659	2,696	2,628	2,793	6.09
TEXAS	2,455	2,433	2,428	2,088	5.01
TOTAL	21,580	21,673	21,524	21,442	5.18
MON-WED 64,987(A)					5.02
					21,465
					5.17

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 08-May 02 and is estimated to be 32,286,000 up 0.24 percent from a week ago and up 4.4 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 32,210,000; last year 30,913,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY  
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	90-92
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-95
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	-
DUCKS	-
RABBITS-WHOLE	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	-

## SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

## DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	ICE PACK	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS		93-94
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK	95-102
	ICE PACK	104-113
	DRY PACK	113
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	94-98
	DRY PACK	-
DUCKS		152-166

**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER**

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 11-MAY-02

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	05/11/02 (1)	05/04/02
CLASS	THOUSAND HEAD	
BRO-FRY	164,340 (2)	163,741
LT HENS	2,103	2,123
HVY HENS	1,325	1,422
CHECK TOTAL	167,768	167,286

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 11-May-02 is 160.0 million head compared to 159.9 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 164.7 million head or 4.7 million more than estimated available. For week of 18-May-02 the estimated available is 160.0 million head.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS (INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)**

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 6-May-02	192,567	73,974
AM 1-Apr-02	164,226	77,627
CHG	28,341	-3,653
PCT CHG	17	-5

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)**

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	05/06/02	04/29/02	05/07/01	05/06/02	04/29/02	05/07/01
<b>PACIFIC COAST</b>	20,502	12,978	20,454	3,834	3,906	5,073
<b>LOS ANGELES</b>	98	103	982	2,147	2,230	2,693

**CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS**

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF MAY 06, 2002

	RANGE
HENS ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	58-60
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	59-69

**HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES**

	FOR 5/07/02		
	LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.80	1.70	1.17
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	.95	1.10	1.03
BROILERS lb.	-	1.20	1.20
ROASTERS lb.	-	.70	.70
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-
ROOSTERS lb.	.50	1.70	1.24
GEESE lb.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	1.20	1.80	1.57
RABBITS lb.	.70	1.70	1.29
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES lb.	-	-	-
GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-

TOTAL COOPS 142

**MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City**

Cents per pound for the week ending MAY 03, 2002

	Whole	Legs	Necks, Backs	Livers/		
	<u>Chickens</u>	<u>Breasts</u>	<u>W/ Thighs</u>	<u>&amp; Wings</u>	<u>Gizzards</u>	<u>Hens</u>
RAYON						
Low	60.30	133.99	76.57	19.14	19.14	52.64
High	65.08	143.56	86.14	28.71	23.93	52.64
Mostly	63.17	143.56	81.35	23.93	23.93	52.64

**SAN JUAN**

Low	59.82	138.78	90.92	28.71	14.36	50.25
High	64.60	157.92	100.49	38.28	19.14	50.25
Mostly	62.21	143.56	95.71	33.50	16.75	50.25

**NEW SAN JUAN**

Low	59.82	133.99	76.57	19.14	19.14	50.25
High	64.60	143.56	86.14	28.71	23.93	50.25
Mostly	63.65	133.99	81.35	23.93	23.93	50.25

**BECERRA**

Low	62.21	138.78	90.92	33.50	16.75	54.55
High	65.08	148.35	105.28	43.07	19.14	54.55
Mostly	62.21	143.56	100.49	35.89	16.75	54.55

**DELMARVA**

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was moderate to good and was sufficient in keeping the bulk of seller offerings in good balance, particularly on the 3 pound and smaller sizes. Live supplies were mostly moderate, weights were mostly desirable to heavy. Processor schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 51 to 65 cents. Trade sentiment was fully steady, instances firm. In the parts complex, all cuts were at least adequate.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

	BRANDED
	U.S. GRADE A
RANGE	48-68
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	53.46
NO. OF BOXES	8,720

\*8 of 8 plants reporting.

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